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Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

FROM THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

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Consumers Urged to Replace Horn On Century Roadster Walker

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the New York State Attorney General's Office, Century Products Company, Macedonia, Ohio, is offering a redesigned replacement horn for its Century Roadster Walker.

The horn is located in the center of the steering wheel and can be torn or bitten off by a child occupant. There have been eleven potential choking incidents reported, including one in which a horn piece was removed from a child's throat to prevent his choking. Approximately 80,000 walkers with defective horns were distributed nationally.

To prevent a potential choking hazard, consumers are urged to remove the horn immediately from the steering wheel by grasping the horn with pliers and pulling the horn out.

Owners should check the date of manufacturer on the carton and on a sticker located underneath the "fender." Walkers manufactured after January 1, 1989 will come equipped with the redesigned horn and do not need to be replaced.

A free replacement horn will be available in about six weeks. The top of the redesigned horn will be larger and made of a strong, thick plastic material. To receive the horn, consumers should write to Century Products Company, 9600 Valley View Rd, Macedonia, OH 44056, Attention: Toy Horns or after December 26, 1988 call 1-800-922-6700. The horn kit includes installation instructions.

NOTE: To report any incidents with the Century Roadster walker horns or with other consumer products, consumers may call the Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline number at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypewriter number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-638-8270; the Maryland TTY number is 1-800-492-8104.

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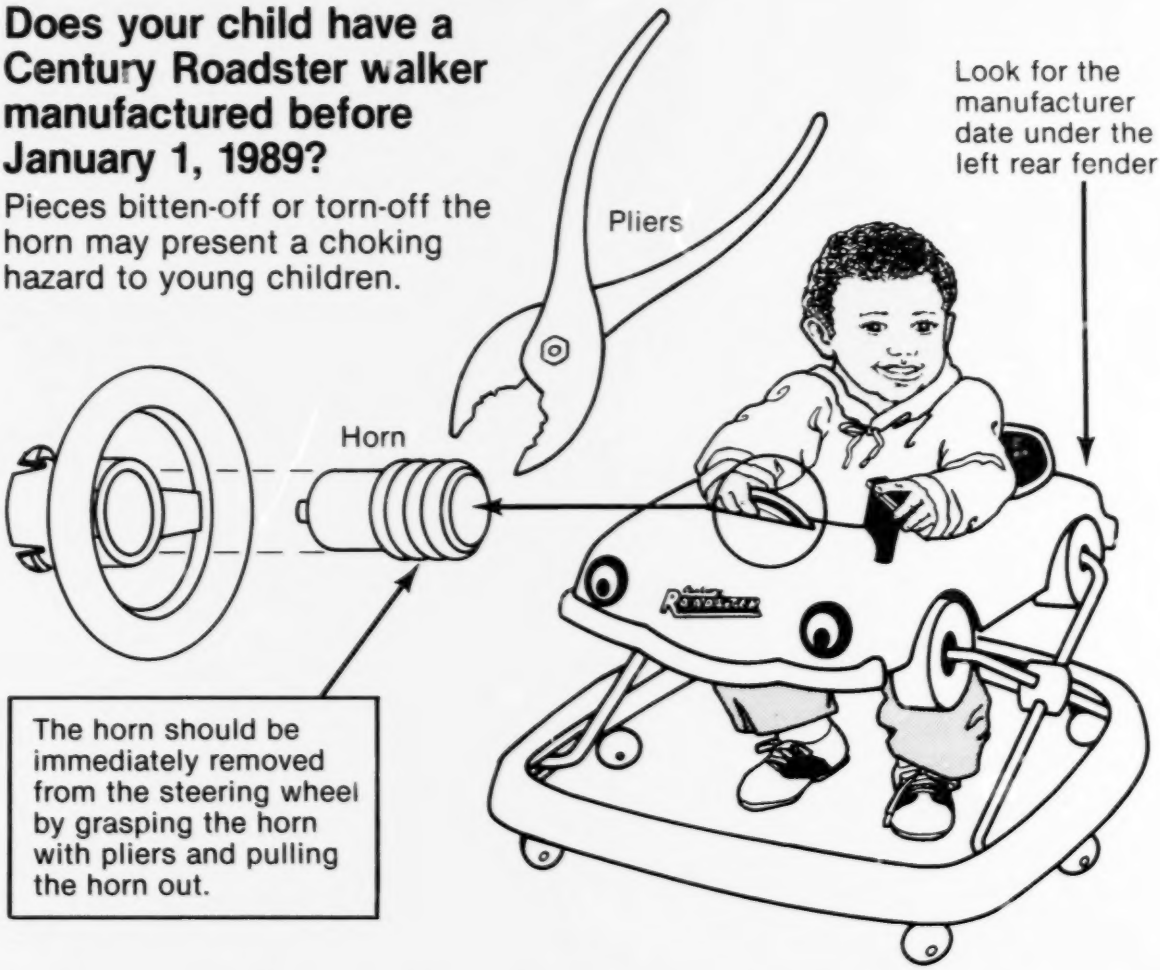
Replacement Horns Available On Century Roadster Walkers Because Of Choking Hazard

Does your child have a Century Roadster walker manufactured before January 1, 1989?

Pieces bitten-off or torn-off the horn may present a choking hazard to young children.


Look for the manufacturer date under the left rear fender
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